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THE BEST KNOWN VALUE AND BEST KNOWN VALUE
AVAILABLE FOR SECURITY AND CUSTOMER
INFORMATION AS APPLIED TO REFERENCE DATA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, the undersigned requests entry of the following amendments:

Listing of the Claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 4 of this paper.